Dear Howard, 10/27/76

Your exchange with Kelley and your note of the 5th are timely and helpful. I'll not be at all surprised if Kim can use the correspondence in court tomorrow.

The FBI has made a small but significant change in its form letter, giving the date of the request rather than the date of receipt by the FBI. It should give both. But I think you can see that they still do not identify the request and that you have not invoked PA.

I've been pressuring them on this. This is a built-in system for delay and obfuscation. They refuse to sue a form that identifies the request or to give sequential numbers, as the CIA now does. I've asked Kelley.

What is also quite important is the lack of even acknowledgement by any of the Divisions. This, too, is a built-in non-compliance. Please send copies of your original request. There is no claim by any other component to being smothered by requests. So your letters are still another proof of the deliberateness of it all.

Talking to Brooten would be a very good idea, especially if you can tell him to trust and speak to me and ignored all the drek that has been dumped on Downing and Gonzalez. I'll take the time to prove to him in each and every case. If he is close to Gonzalez the ruin that can face him through Weberman Brooten should know.

Most important would be finding out if Brooten is a Webermaniac himself.

There remains the real question whether Sprague can really recuse himself re: Specter. I am wityout doubt that Sprague is a first rate if not superlative prosecutor from the Yablonski case alone. But he may not be aware of the degree to which Specter's corruption permeated the overall corruption. He'll have to recuse himself on all the fumdamental evidence relating to the crime itself - all autopsy, medical, ballistics, reconstruction and much other evidence. He'll be reduced to presiding over theories, perhaps not even all of them.

Suppose they decide to call Specter as a witness? Suppose he does not testify thruthfull? Who then is going to act as committee counsel? Who is going to decide what Specter would be questioned about and whether he should be pushed on perjury, even suborning it before the Commission, which he did do?

How much garbage is stuffed in Brooten's head becomes important in more than the usual ways. How open-minded he is and how much influence he can have on the Webermaniac Gonzalez is also important.

The one person in the Gonzalez office from whom I've ever heard, aside from a few, very few, of his form mailings, is a wpman named Wolf. She lives not far from here in a town named Poolseville. Less than a half-hour away. Some montsh back she called me, wanting to talk to me. I invited her at her convenience. Silence since. No other call from anyone at any time. Even at Bud's gathering of the nuts at Georgetown in 11/73 Gonzalez had someone there but although I was there both days I was not spoken to, directly or indirectly. I believe I wrote Gonzalez once or twice, without response.

I think it would also be important for Brooten to talk to both Jim and me on King. That committee has already had its mind ripped off by Lane and Abby Mann, with disinformation based on the theft and corruption of real information. Les Payne's and my copyrighted work.

While I do not thinky he will want it, if he wants a shaedown confrontation between me and any or all of these disinformation operators, regardless of inspiration of sanity, I'mm willing and able.

I do not have Alvarez. I think if you can make two, one for Jim, it would be helpful. You see again how far Paul has gone.

I'm in the middle of office changes and must go into town to get an affidavit notarized so not time for more. Many tahnks and best to you both,